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AUTOMATED MONITORING SYSTEM, VIRTUAL OVEN AND METHOD FOR STRESS TESTING

LOGICALLY GROUPED MODULES

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (SUBMISSION AFTER FINAL REJECTION)

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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Sir:

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An English language version of the search report or action that indicates the degree of relevance found by the foreign office is attached, thereby satisfying the requirement for a concise explanation. See MPEP 609(III)(A)(3).

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The following additional information is provided for the Examiner's consideration.

International Preliminary Examination Report, dated 03 December 2003 for PCT/US01/31762

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